

City of Weslaco

"The City on the Grow"



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City investigates allegations fully

Weslaco, TX – The City of Weslaco has and will continue to take the appropriate action regarding any credible allegations of impropriety or criminal activity by any municipal officer or employee.

Earlier this year, allegations of possible departmental rules violations and potentially criminal activity were made against a Weslaco Police Department officer. The City took the appropriate action by: 1) Placing the officer on administrative leave with pay; 2) Initiating an Internal Affairs investigation; and 3) Referring any relevant information to the FBI.

Furthermore, the Police Department changed leadership. A new interim Police Chief was appointed. The Assistant Police Chief position was abolished and the two Captain system was restored. Staff also has been reassigned to better improve the efficiency of the department.

"Although we would like to inform the public about potential misconduct or criminal activity, this is an open investigation that we do not want compromised," said Mayor Miguel D. Wise. "The City will have a full and detailed account at the appropriate time. Until then, the City Commissioners and I assure Weslaco's families, residents and other visitors that we are a nation of law that is applied equally and fairly to all. We stand behind the men and women of our City who protect our citizens, their property and preserve our public trust."

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